

EdReach Newsletter - Week of September 28, 2007

Furman University research study shows consensus for improving public education

Results of a new research study conducted by the Riley Institute at Furman University confirm that there is broad base support for improving South Carolina's public education system. Read more about the study at <http://www.ed.sc.gov/news/more.cfm?articleID=837>

Gender-specific instruction can offer advantages: An Op-Ed by Jim Rex

Daniel Wicker, a seventh-grade science teacher at Mid-Carolina Middle School in Prosperity, noticed a funny thing recently when he asked his students to read a long list of directions before beginning a class activity. Read more about the Gender-specific instruction at <http://www.goupstate.com/article/20070923/NEWS/709230335/1023/OPINION03>

Message from Jim Rex

Dear Friends,

Every once in a while, we have the opportunity to be a part of something larger than ourselves. On October 6, I am inviting you to participate in an event that has the potential to save lives on another continent halfway around the world.

I am saddened by the terrible tragedy taking place in Darfur, Sudan at the hands of government intent on maintaining control at all costs, including genocide against its own citizens. More than 400,000 people have died and an additional three million have fled to refugee camps, where thousands more die each month of deprivation and disease. Unless more is done now, many more thousands of innocent men, women, and children will perish.

At 2 p.m. on October 6, the Darfur Action Group of South Carolina will host a rally at the State House to raise awareness about this issue and call on our leaders to do more to end these atrocities. I hope you will take a moment to learn about this issue. I hope that once you do, you will consider attending this rally and making your voice heard.

You can learn more by visiting www.dagsc.org. I am especially pleased that for our state's teachers, the Group has provided a set of lesson plans that

may be used in our classrooms to bring awareness to students all across South Carolina about this issue and about what we can each do as private citizens to make a difference.

Together, we will show those in Sudan that we will not turn away while so many innocents continue to suffer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Rex

Rex on The Road:

<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/superintendent/Rex-on-The-Road-Schedule.html>

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<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/publicinformation/On-The-Air.html>

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Resources for Teachers:

<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/publicinformation/Resources-for-Teachers.html>

Resources for Students:

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What Others Are Saying:

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